



# **COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**

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FEMA-1411-DR-VA  
Commonwealth Situation Report #20  
Wednesday, 19 June 2002**

**1. OPERATIONAL PERIOD:**

*1200 hours 12 June 2002 through 1200 hours 19 Jun 2002. (New information in italics)*

**2. SITUATION:**

On the evening of 28 April a severe weather system entered Virginia from the west and, once across the Blue Ridge Mountains, developed into a series of tornadoes. Local emergencies were declared in Bedford City, and Bedford, Campbell, Greensville, and Shenandoah Counties. On 2 May 2002, continuing severe weather impacted Virginia. Wind, rain and flood damage was again widespread with the most severe damage occurring in the southwest part of the state. In Buchanan County, heaviest damage was northeast of Grundy in the vicinity of Hurley, and was due to flash flooding and mudslides. Damaging floodwaters and strong winds also impacted nearby Tazewell County.

On 2 May 2002, Governor Warner declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth in response to the tornado damage on 28 April 2002. On 3 May 2002 the declaration was expanded to include the areas affected by the storms of 2 May.

On 5 May 2002, President Bush declared a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia in FEMA 1411-DR-VA in Buchanan and Tazewell Counties for Individual Assistance (IA) and Hazard Mitigation.

On 8 May 2002, the Major Disaster Declaration was amended to include Public Assistance for the counties of Buchanan and Tazewell.

On 15 May 2002 Amendment No. 2 was made to the Major Disaster Declaration to include Individual Assistance for the counties of Bedford, Campbell, Cumberland, Greensville, Prince Edward, Shenandoah, and the independent City of Bedford.

*Effective 17 June 2002, Amendment No. 3 added the counties of Halifax, Pittsylvania, Prince George, Scott and Wise and the independent City of Emporia to the jurisdictions eligible for Individual Assistance under this declaration. Residents may register for IA programs through 5 July 2002.*

Functions at the Wise DFO established in a prior declared disaster, DR-1406-VA, have been expanded to include operations for DR-1411-VA. The DFO hours of operation are 0800 hrs to 1630 hrs Monday through Friday. The DFO will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Situation Reports will be published on Tuesdays for FEMA-1406-DR-VA, and Wednesdays for FEMA-1411-DR-VA. *It is anticipated that the DFO will close at COB on 28 June 2002.*

### 3. WEATHER:

Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower and mid 80s. Lows from the upper 50s to the lower 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

### 4. CURRENT PRIORITIES:

- A. Assist in Hurley Recovery in Buchanan County.
- B. Remove debris from public and private property.

### 5. ONGOING ACTIONS/ISSUES:

#### A. Individual Assistance (IA):

- Residents, requiring disaster assistance, are being referred to the FEMA teleregistration number, 1-800-621-3362, TTY 1-800-462-7585. These numbers are staffed 7 days a week, 0700 to 1900 hrs.

#### **DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS**

##### *Daily Report*

**Buchanan County DRC, Hurley Middle School, State Route 643, Hurley, VA**

**Opened 7 May 2002 through 25 June 2002**

Date	Today's Recp.	Phone Bank	AA*	SBA*	HazMit*	IFG*	DUA*	CC*	IRS*	AGRI*	INS*	AGING*	VOL*	LEGAL*	Local Official	Paper Apps.
06/18	9	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	809	139	569	381	275	18	44	8	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	47

\*Applicant Assistance (AA), Small Business Administration (SBA), Hazard Mitigation (HazMit), Individual & Family Grants (IFG), Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), Crisis Counseling (CC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of Agriculture, Farm Services Bureau (AGRI), Insurance Help (INS), Aging Services (AGING), Volunteer Agencies (VOL), Legal Help (LEGAL)

- The Buchanan County Health Department will perform free testing of well water through mid-August 2002.
- Crisis Counseling Assistance and training Program (CCP). The Cumberland Mountain Community Service Board is functioning within the declaration area and providing Mental Health, Crisis Counseling and Critical Incident Stress Debriefing services as needed. The Immediate Services Program Grant application was submitted to FEMA and received approval for \$42,494 under the Immediate Services Program Grant provision of the CCP. CMCSB contact is Sherry Sanders, Emergency Services Coordinator- (O) 276-964-6703: (C) 276-964-1682.
- Coordinator of State Recovery Task Force met with officials from Buchanan and Wise Counties regarding a local Disaster Recovery Task Force for their locality. A local committee was formed and officers elected on 4 June, with approximately 20 persons in attendance. Their next meeting was held on 10 June to identify available resources.

• **The Human Services Program Summary follows:**

<b>MASS CARE ACTIVITY</b>		<b>AS OF: COB: May 24, 2002</b>	
Meals served since last report	1,459	Meals served to date	88,833
Shelters open as of report time	0	Total shelters open to date	6
Persons sheltered as of report time	0	Total persons sheltered to date	136
Service centers open as of report time	1	Total service center activations to date	1
Cases open	153	Total mental health contacts to date	127

<b>REGISTRATIONS &amp; CONTACTS</b>		<b>AS OF: COB: June 18, 2002</b>		
	Since Last Report	Designated Counties/City	Undesignated Counties	Cumulative
Teleregistrations	5	1427/5	11	1443
HELPLINE Calls	20	-	-	1546

<b>DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE</b>		<b>AS OF: COB: May 31, 2002</b>	
<b>CLAIMS</b>		<b>SINCE LAST REPORT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Claims filed		5	19
Claims approved		11	17
Claims denied			2
Claims paid		9	14
Dollars disbursed		\$2,281	\$3,621

<b>DISASTER HOUSING PROGRAM</b>		<b>AS OF: COB: June 18, 2002</b>	
<b>REGISTRATIONS</b>		<b>SINCE LAST REPORT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Registrations received		4	1267
Registrations approved		8	970
Registrations ineligible			231
Registrations withdrawn		-	43
Registrations pending		-	22
Approved eligible amount		\$10,714	\$1,951,801
<b>INSPECTIONS</b>			
Issued for Inspection		4	1277
Inspections completed		9	1265
Inspections outstanding		-	12
Inspectors in Field		-	2
<b>ASSISTANCE CHECKS</b>		<b>AS OF: COB: June 17 2002</b>	
Number recommended for issuance		54	1062
Dollar amount of above		\$76,404	\$2,100,662

<b>INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GRANT PROGRAM</b>		<b>AS OF: COB: June 18, 2002</b>	
<b>REGISTRATIONS</b>		<b>SINCE LAST REPORT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Registrations received		1	782
Registrations received by the State		1	749
Registrations pending decision		1	31
Registrations eligible		-	212
Approved eligible amount			\$735,679
Registrations ineligible		-	491
Registrations withdrawn		-	15
Number of registrations disbursed		-	205
Total disbursed amount			\$661,867

<b>SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITY</b>			<b>AS OF: COB: June 19, 2002</b>	
<b>LOAN APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>ECONOMIC INJURY (EIDL)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Number issued	662	150	0	812
Number received	185	41	43	269

Number declined	69	17	2	97
Number withdrawn	21	7	26	55
Number approved	69	5	3	77
Dollars approved	\$1,279,200	\$210,500	\$88,100	\$1,577,800
Number pending	16	12	12	40

OPR: SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- *Thirty-two (32) requests* for travel trailers have been approved, and *twenty-six (26)* are being occupied.
- The Virginia Bar Association has activated a toll-free Disaster Legal Services Number, 1-800-552-7977, to provide emergency legal services to disaster victims.

**B. Public Assistance (PA)**

- To date, total Public Assistance Project Worksheets valued at \$6,475,464 are eligible, \$4,695,551 has been obligated and \$163,116 is pending approval.
- In Hurley, there are currently 25 homes/buildings on the *County Attorney's* list for potential demolition. Additional homes are being considered for demolition.

**C. Community Relations (CR):**

- No *FEMA* or VDEM CR field officers deployed today.
- *CR contact information and 1-800 flyer were provided to VDEM regional coordinators and local emergency managers in add-on jurisdictions.*

**D. Hazard Mitigation (HM):**

- Buchanan County has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund alternate housing for residents who cannot rebuild. HM and IA staffs are monitoring progress of project for possible assistance opportunities. HMGP funding can be used to support CDBG projects.
- *The Commonwealth (DHCD) has approved \$33,000 for funding a Grant Intake Coordinator position to coordinate the CDBG.*
- Possible NFIP compliance issues, with the demolition of structures are currently being coordinated between USACE, FEMA and VDEM.
- Visited Buchanan County on 11 June to respond to NFIP compliance issues and citizen requests. A follow-up visit is planned for Fall 2002.

**E. Public Affairs Office (PAO):**

- Michael Cline, VDEM Director and SCO was interviewed on 11 June by VNN radio reporter, Matt Demlein, concerning funds allocated in area designated disasters.
- *Contact was made by PAO with meteorologist at Morristown, TN National Weather Service/NOAA Station at which briefing took place on coverage of SW Virginia and reoccurring incidents in the counties of Russell, Washington, Scott, Lee and Wise.*
- *News releases on 17 June included releases on the Disaster Unemployment Assistance registration deadline of 21 June; providing a recovery update (figures and activities); and on the additional jurisdictions designated for IA in the add-ons in Amendment No. 3 in this disaster.*
- *News release on 18 June announcing closure of Hurley DRC on 25 June.*
- *A meeting with Roanoke Times reporter is scheduled for 20 June. Closing meetings will be held with press contacts.*

**F. Legislative Liaison:**

- *Notification and contact information were provided to Virginia Delegates and Senators with constituents in the add-on jurisdictions.*

**G. Hazardous Materials:**

- Recovery and Disposal has been completed.
- 48 propane containers have been disposed of, 743 tanks and containers, 36 auto gas tanks; 69 water tanks/heaters; 8 freon tanks; 12 cylinders; 60 batteries; 1 sandblaster; 4 kerosene heaters; 28 gas cans; 3 fuel pumps; 30 transformers/capacitors; 800 gals of fuel disposed.

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19 June 2002

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